California Firm Recalls Chicken Products Due To Possible Listeria Contamination

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WASHINGTON, June 9, 2008 - Gourmet Foods, Inc., a Rancho Dominquez, Calif., firm, is recalling approximately 130 pounds of various ready-to-eat chicken products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels]

- 17-ounce packages of "Famima!! CHICKEN TERIYAKI BOWL WITH SAUCE ON RICE, KEEP REFRIGERATED / PERISHABLE." Each package bears the establishment number "EST. P-7738" inside the USDA mark of inspection, as well as a "SELL BY" date of "06/04/08," "06/05/08," "06/06/08" or "06/07/08."
- 12.85-ounce packages of "Famima!! THAI STYLE CHICKEN WITH RICE, PEANUT SAUCE AND VEGETABLES, KEEP REFRIGERATED / PERISHABLE." Each package bears the establishment number "EST. P-7738" inside the USDA mark of inspection, as well as a "SELL BY" date of "06/04/08," "06/05/08," "06/06/08" or "06/07/08."

These ready-to-eat chicken products were distributed to retail establishments in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Consumers that may have purchased these ready-to-eat chicken products at retail establishments between June 2 and June 7 are urged to check their refrigerators and freezers and discard them if found.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause, miscarriages and stillbirths, and can also cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Infection can spread to the nervous system, resulting in high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, nausea, confusion, and convulsions.

The problem was discovered through microbiological sampling by FSIS. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. Anyone with signs of symptoms of foodborne illness should consult a medical professional.

Media and consumers with questions about this recall should contact company Quality Assurance Manager Abelardo Rodriguez at (310) 632-3300.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

Product Labels

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WITH RICE, PEANUT SAUCE AND VEGETABLES

\$ 5.99



KEEP REFRIGERATED /
PERISHABLE

NET WT. 12.85 OZ.



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CHICKEN TERIYAKI BOWL

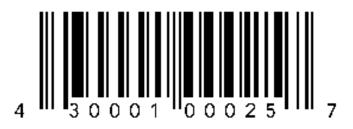
WITH SAUCE ON RICE

\$5.65



KEEP REFRIGERATED / PERISHABLE

NET WT. 17 OZ (1.1 LB)



SELL BY: 06/05/08